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SUBJECT: S&T AGREEMENT: DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT FOR SCIATT

1. REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH SCST AT APPROPRIATE HIGH
LEVEL TO INQUIRE IF FIRST ANNUAL SOVIET FINANCIAL
CONTRIBUTION TO DSDP CAN BE DELIVERED TO NSF AT AN
EARLY DATE. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT USSR MEMBERSHIP IN
DSDP AND JOIDES (JOINT OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTIONS FOR
DEEP EARTH SAMPLING) IS PREDICATED ON USSR PROVIDING THE
AGREED UPON FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND THAT NSF REQUIRES
FUNDS IN ORDER TO PLAN FOR SCHEDULED OCEAN DRILLING.
BEGIN FYI: IF SOVIET CONTRIBUTION TO THE DSDP PROGRAM
IS NOT RECEIVED BY EARLY SEPTEMBER 1973 THE CONSEQUENCE
WILL BE THAT THE TWO ANTARCTIC CRUISE LEGS MEMBERS 35 AND 36
FROM JANUARY THROUGH APRIL 1974 WILL PROBABLY BE CANCELLED.
END FYI.

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- 2. EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY TO SOVIETS OUR BELIEF THAT AN EARLY FULFILLMENT OF THEIR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE DSDP WOULD ALSO ENHANCE POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE OF CURRENT PREPARATIONS FOR SECOND US-USSR JOINT COMMISSION MEETING AND FOR IMPLEMENTING RECENT AGREEMENT ON WORLD OCEAN STUDIES COOPERATION.
- 3. NSF REQUIRES SOVIET RESPONSE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 5. AT ITS DISCRETION, EMBASSY MAY INDICATE THAT DR. STEVER IS PREPARED TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH CHAIRMAN KIRILLIN IF SOVIET RESPONSE CANNOT OTHERWISE BE OBTAINED PROMPTLY. PLEASE ADVISE SOVIET REACTION ASAP. ROGERS

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